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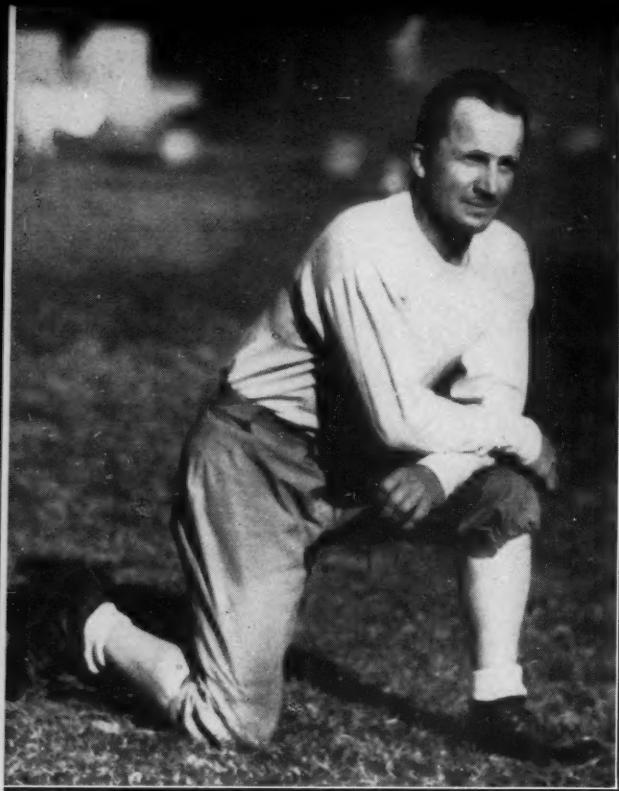
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JACK MEAGHER
Athletic Director and Head Coach

SOUTHERN

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AUBURN,

FROM the East Alabama Male College, which was founded at Auburn in 1857 by the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has developed one of the major institutions in the country, the present Alabama Polytechnic Institute, or Auburn. The East Alabama Male College became Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1872 and the name was changed to Alabama Polytechnic Institute by an act of the Alabama Legislature in 1899.

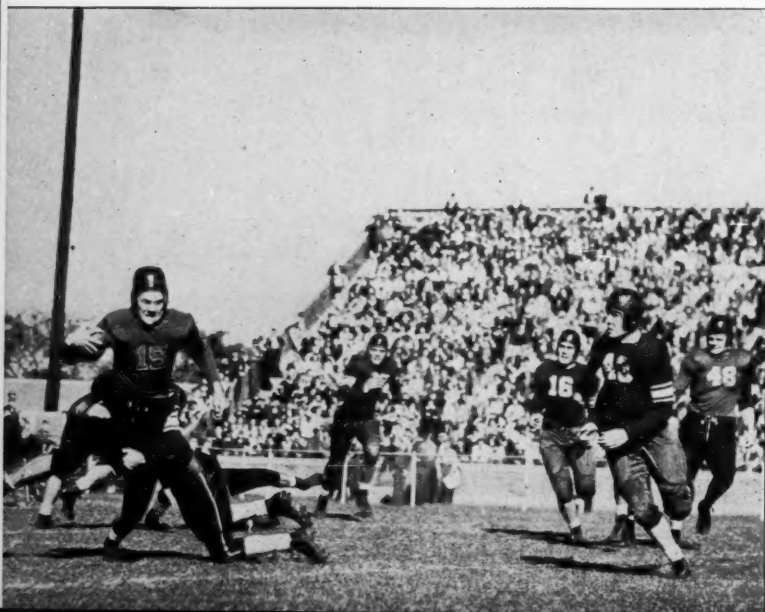
There are 35 major buildings and numerous smaller structures on the Auburn campus of 1,562 acres. Several of these buildings, including the Women's Quadrangle, Physical Training Building, Practice House and Nursery School, Veterinary Classroom and Library, have been completed only a few months.

Degrees at Auburn are conferred as follows: School of Agriculture, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, School of Education, School of Engineering, School of Home Economics, School of Science and Literature, School of Veterinary Medicine, and School of Graduate Studies.

One of the first schools to inaugurate intercollegiate athletics, Auburn has an outstanding athletic history and is one of America's foremost leaders in the realm of sports. The Tigers met Georgia in football in Atlanta in 1892 in their first athletic combat. Coached by Auburn's present graduate school dean and history department head, Dr. George Petrie, the Tigers were successful in their football debut by a score of 10-0 and this is one of many victories which has spread the name of Auburn all over the world.

Following Dr. Petrie as Auburn football coaches have been John Daniels (North Carolina) and D. M. Balleit (Princeton) spring of 1893; G. R. Harvey (Cornell), fall of 1893; F. M. Hall (Princeton), 1894; J. W. Heisman (Pennsylvania), 1895 through 1899; Billy Watkins (Princeton), 1900 and 1901; R. S. Kent (Michigan), 1902; M. Harvey (Auburn), 1902; W. P. Bates (Dartmouth), 1903; Mike Donahue (Yale), 1904 through 1922; Boozer Pitts (Auburn), 1923, 1924 and part 1927 season; Dave Morey (Dartmouth), 1925 through mid-season 1927; George Bohler (University of Washington), 1928 through fifth game 1929 season; John Floyd (Vanderbilt), 1929; Chet Wynne (Notre Dame), 1930 through 1933, and Jack Meagher (Notre Dame), since 1934.

Heading Auburn's present top-flight athletic staff is Athletic Director Jack Meagher, who has a very capable right hand



AT LEFT: Auburn's All-Southeastern Conference halfback and 1940 football captain, Dynamite Dick McGowen, is shown being tackled after making a gain.



AT RIGHT:
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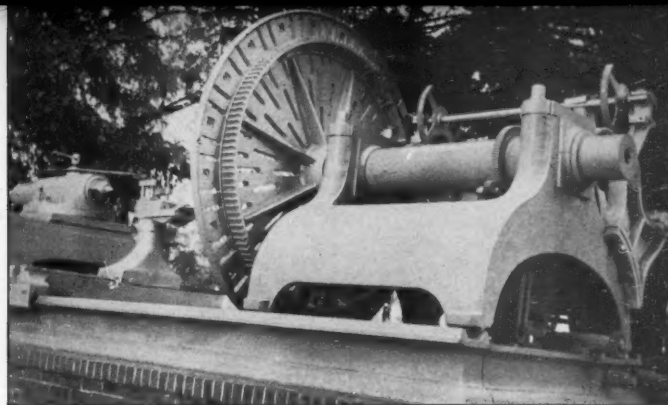
man in Track Coach and Trainer Wilbur Hutsell, a graduate of the University of Missouri and one of Dixie's athletic deans.

Coach Meagher, a native of Elgin, Ill., where he first saw the light of day on July 5, 1896, is a graduate of the high school in his native city and attended Notre Dame for two years, where he played football and received All-American recognition at end before leaving to enter the first World War. He was discharged from the Marine Corps, where he had risen to the rank of captain, and set out upon his initial coaching venture at St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas, in 1921.

His first coaching job at St. Edwards, where he received his A.B. degree, lasted until he resigned to become head football mentor at Rice. He coached at Rice until he accepted his present dual position at Auburn. His Auburn grid machines have been noted for tackling the toughest schedules in the country and their all-around strength, regardless of the odds against them. Meagher-coached Tigers have played in two post-season attractions, the Rhumba Bowl in Havana and the Orange Bowl in Miami. In licking Michigan State, 6-0, on New Year's Day 1937, the Tigers became the first Dixie club ever to triumph in Miami's Orange Bowl feature.

A Notre Dame disciple, Coach Meagher produces teams at Auburn which are many times referred to as the "Notre Dame" of the South. And his Auburn clubs have been spectacular, colorful, strong and well-coached.

All of Coach Meagher's assistant football coaches, Ralph Jordan, Boots Chambliss, Bat McCollum, Porter Grant, Jimmit Hitchcock, Bobbie Blake and Walter Gilbert, are graduates of Auburn and his All-Alumni staff is recognized as one of the best in the Southeastern Conference. Coach Jordan also instructs the varsity basketeers and Coach Grant the varsity baseballers. Big-time schedules are played by Auburn's football, basketball, baseball and track teams and the Tigers are always stiff opposition for all their rivals—they will continue to be as long as their four major athletic teams are directed by Coaches Meagher, Hutsell, Jordan and Grant.



THE CONFEDERATE LATHE ON THE AUBURN CAMPUS

Back in the days of the struggling Confederacy, when Lee's gray-clad hosts were shedding their blood for Southern traditions, a monster thing of steel laboriously drilled the bore of many an antiquated cannon at the Confederate Gun Works in Selma.

Today that same machine, a lathe with a background as rich and picturesque as a mere machine could have, occupies a place of honor on Auburn's campus—only a few feet from the main administration building.

The first record of the lathe comes from the days when it drilled the bores of cannon at Selma. After the war it was carried to Columbus, Ga., and thence to Irondale, where it worked for several years.

About a half century ago Charles Linn, who established the first bank in Birmingham, started the Linn Iron Works. He purchased the lathe from its owners in Irondale and moved it to his First Avenue plant, where it was used for many years turning locomotive tires, later coming into possession of the Tennessee Company.

The lathe, perfectly attuned and capable of precision work even today, was given the school by the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, which acquired it many years ago from the old Linn Iron Works, then at First Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

At the time of the Linn dismantling, the historic interest of the lathe was brought to the attention of H. C. Ryding, then president of the Tennessee Company (1929), and he ruled that the machine be stored at the Fairfield Steel Works.

The subject of disposition of the lathe came up last November, and Thomas Chalmers, vice-president of T. C. I., offered the machine to Alabama Polytechnic Institute, an offer that was promptly accepted by Dean Wilmore, of the school of engineering. The lathe was moved from Fairfield to Auburn by truck. It weighs approximately 10 tons.



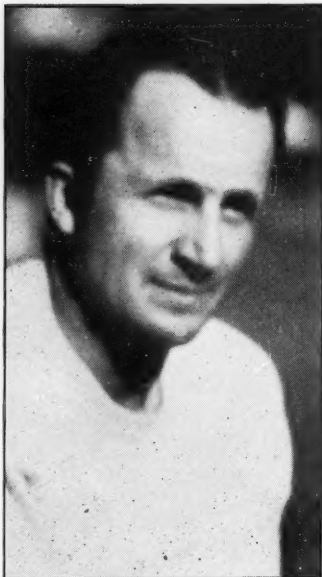
Horseback riding is a favorite sport of the Auburn students.

Comments on the T Formation

By JACK MEAGHER

Head Coach, Auburn

Jack Meagher, the author of this article, is head coach and athletic director at Auburn. Coach Meagher is a native of Illinois, and graduated from Elgin High School in 1915. He attended Notre Dame University, where he was a regular end in football for two seasons, 1915 and 1916. He left Notre Dame to enlist as a private in the Marine Corps, where he served with distinction during the World War and rose to the rank of Captain. He began his coaching career at St. Edwards, Austin, Texas, where he served as head coach until 1929. While at St. Edwards, he completed his work for a degree. In 1929



JACK MEAGHER

he accepted the appointment as head coach at Rice Institute, a position he held until taking up his present position at Auburn in 1934.

Under Meagher, Auburn has resumed her position as one of the dreaded elevens of the nation. They play a tough schedule each season and always come through with a good record. They have played in two post-season bowl games—in Havana in 1937 and in Miami in 1938. They tied Villanova in Havana, 7-7, and defeated Michigan State in Miami, 6-0, to become the first Dixie eleven to win the Orange Bowl Championship.

AFTER the many valuable and worth while articles that have been written by the various coaches in THE SOUTHERN COACH AND ATHLETE, I hesitate in writing these few notes, but I hope they may add something to the cause.

During the past few months we have heard much about the success of Stanford University, the Chicago Bears, and other teams, in their use of the T formation. No doubt many coaches are contemplating adding a touch of the T to their offense, and naturally, will want to work into it gradually. It is with this thought in mind that the few ideas I will draw out may prove useful. These plays are a few of the foundation plays of the T formation, having been very useful and valuable in my coaching through the years.

It seems that the T formation is one of those grand old things that was discarded for no good reason, except that it was old. It was the

formation in general use in the days of the horse car and the horse and buggy. It proves again to us young upstarts that we should study carefully the old methods, that the old ideas are sometimes the best ideas, and that the old ways are often just as good as the new and we find ourselves coming back to the old ways and methods.

Is the T a formation with which a team can kick, run, and pass? It certainly fulfills these requirements of an offensive formation in a very effective way.

The T formation has been used by Georgia Tech with great success for the past several years. Bill Alexander may have had some other name for his formation but at Auburn we have called it the T. Bob Neyland has always had a lot of the features of the old T in his offense. Tennessee in their games with us in recent years has overlooked using these plays with the quarterback handling

the ball, for which Auburn has been thankful.

At Auburn we have always had a few of the features of the old T ready for use. These plays, the little that we used them, have been a great help to us and apparently we did not use them enough; I suppose because they were plays that coaches and players had seen in their dad's and grandpa's note books. After many of our games during the past several years, coaches and players of opposing teams would suggest, "We are glad you stayed out of that darn T." No doubt we thought we were being given the old "come on," so we continued to stay out of it.

I am taking the liberty to jot down a few of these old timers. Kindly understand that I am not presuming a thing in doing this, because, if you would condescend to look in your granddad's note book you'd find that these are a true copy.

EXPLANATION OF DIAGRAMS

Figure 1—Halfbacks straddle outside legs of tackles. Quarterback close enough to center to handle ball. Some may prefer fullback 5 yards back.

Figure 2—Quarterback may play a few inches to side, but close enough to center to reach ball. This arrangement enables fullback to get ball direct from center and permits the use of spins, reverses, and end around plays.

Figure 3A—Basic play—Quarterback hands ball to fullback. Left halfback fakes to right, or straight ahead and blocks safety.

Figure 3B—Fullback cuts back inside line-backer, enabling guard to block him.

Figure 4A—Fullback takes step to follow right halfback as in the previous play, but drives off to opposite side. Quarterback fakes to right halfback before giving to fullback.

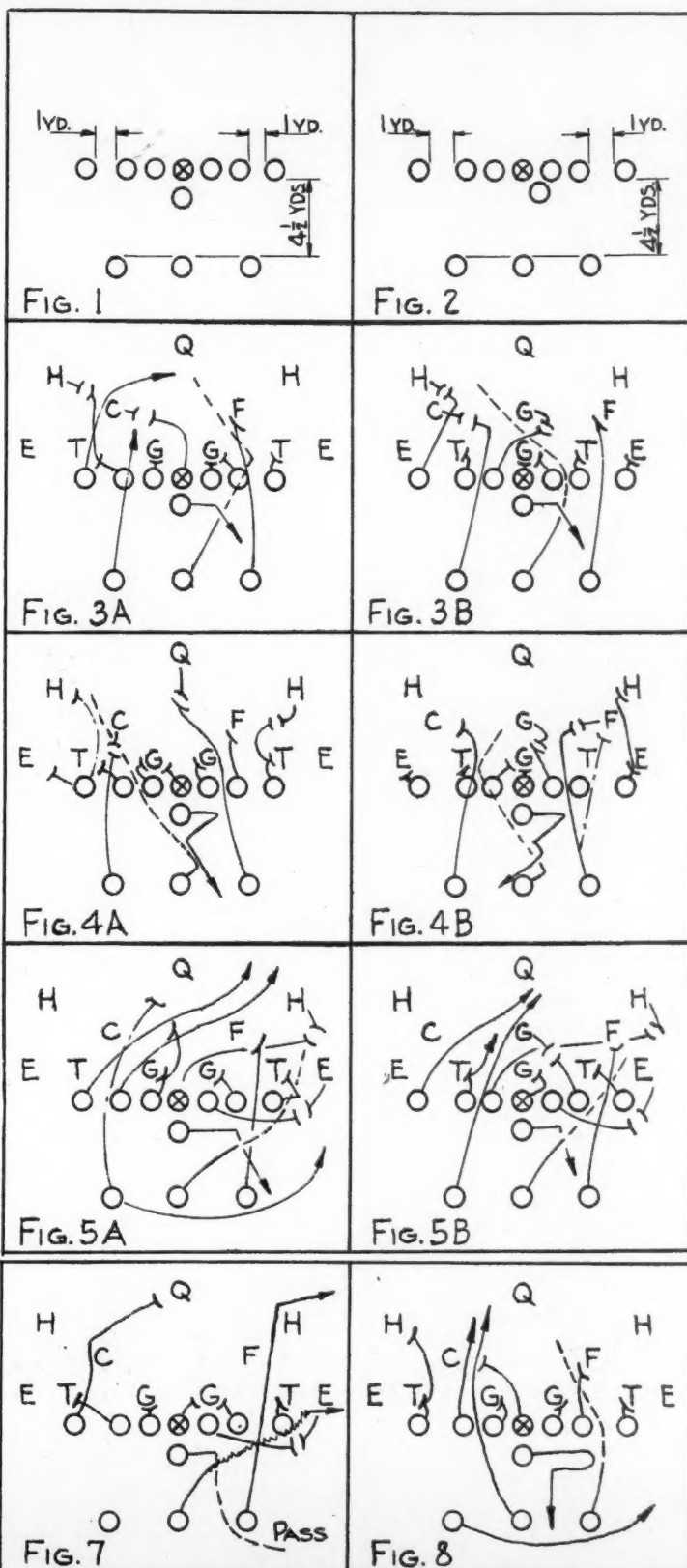
Figure 4B—Left guard and center will vary and work on middle guard. Right guard will block middle line-backer.

Figure 5A—The three deep backs line up 5 yards back.

Figure 6—Quarterback run, following No. 4.

Figure 7—Pass following No. 5.

NOTE: the figures in the left column, marked A, show the assignments against a six man line. The figures in the right-hand column, marked B, show the assignments against the five man line.



The Running Broad-Jump

By W. H. HUTSELL

Track Coach, Auburn

NO particular type of build is required of a broad jumper, but it is reasonable to expect that the candidate be not too far from the average build. Just as sprinters are of many types, so are broad jumpers—for their main requirement is speed. Since the day the world's record first went beyond the twenty-five foot mark, the record holders have been sprinters of exceptional ability—Gourdin, Hubbard, Hamm and Owens were all able to do 9.6 or better. While such exceptional speed is necessary for world's record performances, it does not follow that the high schools, or even the colleges of the South always have sprinters available for use as broad jumpers. Each year you will see boys making creditable performances in the broad jump mainly because they have a great amount of spring and coordination. Distance in this event is the product of momentum times height. Form is the culmination of a powerful run that is relaxed during the last three strides making is possible to get a body height from the spring of the jumping leg.

It is first necessary to establish a definite take-off—a run of definite length that will bring the jumper to the take-off board on the jumping foot. Most jumpers prefer a run whose total length may vary from 85 to 105 feet. Starting with both feet together, and always taking the first stride with the same foot, the run is made at full speed. Three strides in front of the board the body should be thoroughly relaxed, the arms lowered, and on the last stride, the jumping foot should be “stamped” making a flat footed take-off. If this is done correctly, the spikes in the toe of the shoe will all make contact with the board, with the edge of the board away from the pit being under the arch of the foot.

There are two types of broad jump form—the bounding, and the “step in the air” or hitch kick. In the bounding jump, a strong lifting kick upward is made with the free leg. The jumping leg is brought along side it at the completion of the drive from the board. Both arms at that



WILBUR HUTSELL

Coach Hutsell has been Auburn's track and field coach since 1921. He is also the Tigers' football trainer. His 19 track teams have lost only six of 57 dual meets, and he has produced numerous champions, southern and world. He is one of eight members of National Track and Field Rules Committee and one of 13 members of the American Olympic track and field body. Two of his products, Weems Baskin and Percy Beard, are head track coaches at Ole Miss and Florida, respectively, and three of his products, Charles Striplin, Sinkey Scholze and Joel Eaves, are head trainers at L. S. U., Florida and Sewanee, respectively.

time are extended forward and slightly upward. In the hitch kick, the free leg takes only a half kick upward, the main whip being provided by the jumping leg. While in the air, and as the free leg is kicked down and backward, the scissor, or “step in the air”, is made with the jumping leg. In both styles the fore leg is thrown forward for the landing. The arms are cut forward and downward as the foreleg is extended, thereby aiding in getting additional distance.

During the season, broad jumpers should work regularly with the sprinters. Jumping for distance should be confined to Saturday try-outs or jumps in a regular meet. That does not mean that jumpers should not work on form—but during the week all work from the board should be at a greatly reduced effort.

Suggested training schedule for a week during the season:

Always start each day's work with calisthenics, including plenty of light stretching exercises for muscles on back of thigh.

MONDAY: This is “kink” day—Warm up slowly with plenty of jogging and walking.

Start with sprinters.

Run through take-off 6 or 8 times. Stride 300 yards at $\frac{3}{4}$ speed.

TUESDAY: Warm-up. Arch, ankle and thigh, strengthening exercises.

Four 30-yard sprints.

Eight or ten easy jumps for form, using $\frac{3}{4}$ or regular run.

Stride 150 yards, rest 5 minutes and repeat.

WEDNESDAY: Warm-up.

Starts with sprinters.

Two 60 yard sprints.

Four easy jumps using full take-off.

Stride 220 yards at $\frac{3}{4}$ speed.

THURSDAY: Warm-up.

Four starts.

Jog 440.

FRIDAY: Rest.

SATURDAY: Competition. It is essential that the warm-up be even more thorough than during a practice period. Finish the warm-up in time to have 15 or 20 minutes relaxation before first jump.

CENTER PLAY

By RALPH JORDAN

Assistant Coach, Auburn

I REALIZE that much has been written on the subject of center play and that there are several different ways of coaching centers. I will discuss the ideas that we work on at Auburn.

Up until the time Jack Meagher came to Auburn, we spent very little time on center group work. The centers were the forgotten men of the squad—just someone to snap the ball for kicking, passing, or spinning practice. I know that it is extremely hard to find a convenient time for the centers to be together in group work, but I am satisfied in my own mind that any effort in that direction is well worth while.

Stance and Grip on the Ball

The center should be in a comfortable position with the feet well spread and the weight on the balls of the feet. We use an even stance, that is, the feet are even instead of one or the other being dropped back to a toe-instep or toe-heel position. This position enables the center to play gaps equally well on either side. In crouching, we drop the tail to the height of the shoulders. A position any lower tends to bind the center and his passing and blocking are far less effective. The knees are spread out to allow freedom of the arms in passing the ball.

In starting new men off we have them forward pass back and forth, paying particular attention to the way they grip the ball, because with minor corrections this is the grip they will use for the snapback. The front hand is the one normally used in throwing and is the power hand. The rear hand is merely to guide the ball to the desired spot. This grip is for the spiral pass. The center takes a position far enough back of the ball to have the arms straight but not locked at the elbow.

Passing and Blocking

The first duty of the offensive center is to make his pass good. He should be made to realize that the success of the play depends on making a pass that can be handled. In passing, the center does not pick the ball up but slides it along the ground with a pendulum-like motion. Centers that

do pick the ball up are likely to find that a fast charging guard will cause them to make bad passes, although I will have to admit that several of our boys have gotten by using a very quick pick-up pass. We work on several different type passes at Auburn and I will list them for you:

1. Lead passes to the halfbacks on wide plays. This pass is fairly high so that the halfback receives the ball in a running position.
2. Lob passes to any back plunging. Since the back receives this pass head-on, it is necessarily very soft and easy to handle.
3. Hand-back pass to the quarterback. In making this pass the center lets his rear hand slide to the front so as not to interfere with the quarterback.
4. Passes to spinning backs. This pass should be fairly hard, slightly to the spinning side, and about the height of the thigh.
5. Pass to the kicker. This pass has plenty of speed and the target is a little above the right hip of the kicker (opposite side for a left-footed kicker).

Good passing depends a lot on plenty of practice and concentration plus pride in doing a good job.

A center, to do a good job of blocking, has to be very quick, so it is a good idea to make some quick movement in the way of getting into a blocking position after each snap. There is nothing worse than a center who stands in one spot all afternoon passing, never moving and finally ending up buried to the ankles. The center is in a fairly awkward position for blocking, and it is only by plenty of practice on moving into a blocking position that he can ever hope to become an effective blocker. We spend considerable time on the following blocks:

1. Cross-over—plugging gap left by guard.
2. Two on one—teaming with guard.
3. High—low—teaming with guard.
4. Secondary blocking—hip and armpit, cross body, and shoulder followed with reverse body.

In going for secondary a center should move out quickly or he will find that converging guards will trap him and make the blocking assignment impossible.

In pulling out we lean back on the heels and are consequently in better position for moving to the side or rear. This can be done very easily and I am satisfied that no tip-off is involved.

It is very important that the center raise his head as soon as the pass has been made. This is a great help in locating the defensive man he is to block.

We have worked some on the idea of passing without looking and the boys have done fairly well, but have not acquired the perfection demanded. This kind of passing is usually associated with professionals, but Chester Gladchuk, of Boston College, was very adept at passing without looking. I am sure that this advantage went a long way toward making him the excellent blocker that he was.

Defensive Play

As far as most teams are concerned, the center is the key man on defense as well as the defensive quarterback. In this day of changing defenses he is usually called upon to change the defensive play from time to time and this responsibility alone requires him to be a keen student of the game. In backing up the line he necessarily must have good strong shoulders, arms, hands, and be able to use them. The quicker he can sense a play the better, and once the offensive team has committed itself he must get to the point of attack as quickly as possible. On plays directed at his side of the line he should meet the play head on, while on plays to the opposite side he should come up on the inside, being very careful not to overrun the play and find himself out of position on the cut-back. I believe every center should be taught the defensive maneuvers used in close line play, such as: submarine, over the top, and double co-ordination. I am sure that one time or another he will find them all useful in backing up a line.

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A Nation's Need

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready
hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty and private thinking!

—J. G. Hollands.

Lessons From Sports

About a hundred guests—mostly basketball players and coaches—who were gathered for luncheon March 14 in one of Duke University's beautiful dining halls were privileged to hear a message that was worthy of a nation-wide audience. The speaker was Coach Wallace Wade, and the subject of his talk was: "Two Lessons We Should Learn from Sports." It was so timely and so impressive we are passing the general idea on to our readers.

The two great lessons one should learn from participation in sports, he said, are: *how to win*, and *how to lose*.

Many people have the false notion that there is nothing to learn about winning. To develop the proper attitude and spirit toward winning, however, is often difficult. To win with grace and modesty is not always easy. We are all too prone to take our successes too seriously. We attribute too much of our success to our own virtues and give too little credit to the cooperation of others and to our opponent's misfortune. Good fortune might

have played an important part in our victory. From winning, we learn the satisfaction that comes from doing a good job. We learn, too, the value of cooperation and self-sacrifice. Then we soon learn that, if we are to continue to win, we must continue to pay the price of winning. We find that yesterday's victory does not help us win the game today. If we wish to win again, we must put forth another effort deserving of victory.

Our defeats can be of great value to us, if we meet them with the right spirit. They should reveal our weaknesses and enable us to come back with a better game tomorrow. There are two kinds of people in the world: those who are knocked down and stay down, and those who come up fighting. Those who stay down are no good; those who get up and fight again are the ones that succeed. The difference is in the attitude. To one, defeat brings *discouragement*; to the other, it brings only *disappointment*. The men who are known for their great achievements, have grown strong and attained greatness by rising above their defeats and overcoming their disappointments. We know only of their successes, but they have often met defeat and experienced disappointment. They were often disappointed but never discouraged!

Coach Wade urged that we carry the lessons that we learn from sports into our home life and national life. Government has gone off the merit basis. To be elected to public office, a candidate must make rash and unreasonable promises to get votes. It doesn't matter so much about his honesty and capability—it's what he can give that counts at the ballot box. It is not the candidate, but the voter, who is most responsible for this condition. All players, he urged, should practice, and teach to others, the lesson of sportsmanship. The code of sports is not, "what can you get," but "what can you give." It is cooperation in interest of the group; loyalty to a cause, and unselfish service. Sports operate on the merit basis—the best man gets the starting position. Victory goes to the man or team that is *best that day*—to the one that is willing to pay the price of putting forth a deserving effort! If we can carry that attitude and spirit into our national life, it will make our nation an impregnable fortress!

Front Cover

The picture on the front cover this month is of Lloyd Cheatham, Captain of Auburn's 1941 football team, and the best blocker in the Southeastern Conference last season. He plays fullback and quarterback, and is a very able all-around football player.

Cheatham plays outfield on the baseball team. He is a fast and reliable fielder and a very hard hitter.

His home is Nauvoo, Alabama.

The Keystone Combination

By JIMMIE HITCHCOCK

Baseball Coach, Auburn

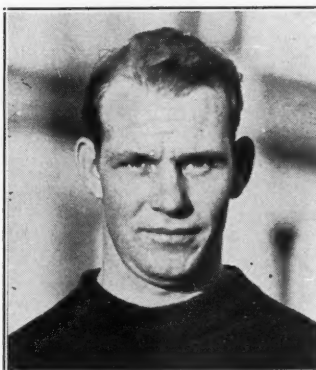
THE strength of any good baseball team depends upon a good keystone combination. The great combinations of the past were: Rogell to Gehringer (Detroit), Jurgess to Herman (Chicago), Crossetti to Lazzeri (New York), Boley to Bishop (Philadelphia), and Meyers to Frey (Cincinnati).

The second baseman and shortstop have many responsibilities that require not only skill, but mental alertness in a game of baseball. There are many things for them to do besides fielding ground balls and throwing to first base. They must be set to take a quick start either to their left or to their right to field a ground ball, or be prepared to dash in fast to handle a slow, dribbling grounder, or to whirl and run back for a short fly in the outfield.

Being the middle man on the infield circle, it is necessary for them to work together on numerous and important plays, and while they must be prepared for these special duties, they must at all times be mentally alert, having in mind the situation of the game at the particular moment, and always with the idea of winning.

Position

The proper position for a shortstop and second baseman to take on the diamond is not fixed. It depends on who the man is at bat, and that shows the importance of a knowledge of every hitter on the opposing team—whether he is a pull hitter, a late hitter or straight away hitter; whether he hits to all fields or invariably one who hits about the same spot. For instance, if the hitter is right handed and always pulls to left field, the shortstop should move over to third base and his depth is determined by the speed of the batsman. The second baseman on such a hitter would move closer to second base. When expecting a sacrifice bunt the second baseman should take a position closer in and over far enough toward first base so that he can cover first base in case the first baseman has to field the ball. He should not leave his position too soon and leave it open as the batter might try hitting through the spot. When



JIMMIE HITCHCOCK

Jimmie Hitchcock was All-American halfback at Auburn in 1932 and All-American shortstop in 1933. He signed with the New York Yankees upon graduation in 1933, played professional baseball with Binghampton, N. Y.; Oakland, Calif.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Chattanooga, Boston Braves and Columbus, Ohio. During the winter he was sold by Columbus to New Orleans and was slated to play with the Pelicans this summer, but retired from baseball this year to become Auburn baseball coach and full time member of Tigers' athletic staff.

the second baseman is certain that the sacrifice bunt is in order he should be ready to handle any ball toward second, or field any ball that has rolled past the pitcher and to cover first for the put out. The shortstop should also shorten his position and move in toward second base in event the ball is bunted hard enough for a play to be made by either first baseman, catcher or pitcher. On a sacrifice with runner on second the shortstop should take a position on the bag so the runner cannot get over

a three step lead. After the pitcher makes his delivery to the hitter the shortstop should break back into position as the hitter may try to hit through the unoccupied territory.

Double Play

When a double play is set up, regardless of whether a right or left handed batter is at the plate, both the shortstop and second baseman must give ground toward the bag so as to be in position to cover the bag and still complete the play. In order to pivot correctly, the second baseman should always try to touch the bag with his right foot, then step in toward the pitcher's mound to complete the throw to first base. In running to cover second base, it is advisable to straddle the bag so that, in case of a bad throw, he will be able to touch the bag with either foot and thus make sure of getting one man. If possible, he should try to develop a sidearm or underhand throw to first base as this enables him to get the ball away faster. The shortstop should also try to touch the bag with the right foot and then step toward first base with the left. In running to cover the bag, he should straddle it in case of a bad throw so he will be able to touch it with either foot. The shortstop should learn to time his throws so that he will not be trying to make his pivot too fast. Both pivot men should practice this play as much as possible; getting over for the throw from first baseman, catcher, pitcher or third baseman.

When the infield is playing in for the purpose of making a play at home plate, the second baseman and shortstop should come in close, perhaps to the edge of the grass. The infield is playing in for the purpose of cutting off the tying or winning runs at the plate. With the bases loaded and one out or no out, the stage is set for a double play. If the batter is a slow runner, the second baseman and shortstop may take a half way position and in the event a ground ball is hit to either they will have the choice to make the double play at second base or throw home for the runner.

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SPLIT MINUTES

Georgia High School Association

By S. F. BURKE, Secretary

THE Georgia High School State Meet will be held at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, May 1, 2, and 3.

The schedule given below shows the time that the various events will begin. An effort will be made to furnish each contestant with a detailed program prior to arrival in Athens. It is not always possible to do this because some districts are tardy with their reports, thus making it impossible to get the copy to the printer. Detailed programs will be available at the State Office on the day the State Meet begins.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1941

Art Exhibit

- 8:45 a.m. Golf—Qualifying round—Athens Country Club.
- 12:00 noon Tennis—Boys and Girls—University Courts.
- 12:30 p.m. Farm-Shop—Barrow Hall.
- 7:00 p.m. State Executive Committee Meeting—Second Floor, Academic Building, Room 201.
- 7:30 p.m. Debates—Preliminary Debates—History Department, Third Floor, Academic Building.
- 7:45 p.m. Piano.
- 8:00 p.m. One-Act Plays.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1941

Art Exhibit

- 9:30 a.m. Home Economics—Dawson Hall.
- 10:00 a.m. Violin—Phi Kappa Hall.
- 10:00 a.m. Declamation.
- 1:00 p.m. Entries in Shot Put and Discus—Report to Memorial Hall to have weight of shot and discus checked.
- 2:00 p.m. Track—Qualifying Session—Sanford Field.
- 7:00 p.m. Reading—All contestants report to Mr. Saxon's office, Room 210, Second Floor of Academic Building at 6:30 p.m.
- 8:30 p.m. Debate—Finals.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1941

- 8:45 a.m. Golf—Finals.
- 11:00 a.m. Track—Finals.

There have been a few changes in the rules and in the arrangements of contests for the coming year. The most important of these are summarized below:

Election of District Officers—District officers may be elected at any spring meeting. Under the previous regulation it was compulsory to elect officers at the District Meet. District Officers to be elected in proportion to the number of member schools from each Class—B, C, D.

State Winners May Continue Competition—The section of the By-Laws which barred a winner in a State Meet event from competing again in that same event has been eliminated.

Rating System—In all State Literary contests in which there are more than two contestants, a rating system of judging will be used, so as to eliminate conference of judges to determine winners.

Change in Scoring—In District and State Meets four places will be awarded Literary and Athletics (exception—Debate and One-Act Plays and Tennis).

Georgia Athletic Coaches Association

By DWIGHT KEITH, Secretary

THE Fourth Annual Coaching Clinic, sponsored by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association in cooperation with Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia, will be held August 18th through August 22nd. The Clinic this year will be held at the University of Georgia and the All-Star Football Game will be played at Grant Field, in Atlanta.

The tuition for the clinic will be as follows: members, \$5.00; non-members, \$10.00; college coaches, not members, \$25.00; an additional fee of \$3.00 will be charged by the University to those who wish to receive college credit for the clinic. Five hours college credit may be secured by taking both the football and basketball courses.

Coaches attending the clinic may secure lodging in the University dormitory without charge, provided they furnish their own linens. The charges for meals in the dining hall will be 75 cents per day. This arrangement will enable coaches to attend the clinic at less expense than ever before.

Courses in Football, Basketball, Track and Athletic Training will be offered. A course in Girls' Basketball will probably be given, also.

The coaches who will serve as instructors will be announced in the May issue of SOUTHERN COACH AND ATHLETE. Nationally known college coaches who had outstanding success last season will be engaged.

There will be no All-Star Basketball game this year. College players will be used in the demonstration work.

The football players will be selected at the next directors' meeting, which will be held in Athens, Saturday, May 3. **ALL FOOTBALL COACHES SHOULD BE SURE TO GET THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THEIR DISTRICT DIRECTORS BEFORE THAT DATE.**

The district directors are as follows:

- District No. 1—Harry Harmon, Savannah High.
- District No. 2—W. A. Geer, Damascus High.
- District No. 3—Billy Smith, Fitzgerald High.
- District No. 4—L. A. Jackson, Griffin High.
- District No. 5—Rufus Godwin, Commercial High, Atlanta.
- District No. 6—Drane Watson, Wrens High.
- District No. 7—Homer Sutton, Dalton High.
- District No. 8—James Sullivan, Glynn Academy, Brunswick.
- District No. 9—J. H. Turner, Dacula High.
- District No. 10—R. E. Lee, Elberton High.
- At Large, North—R. L. Doyal, Boys' High, Atlanta.
- At Large, South—H. E. McNabb, Albany High.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSN.—Cont'd.

First place will count 7 points; second place, 5; third place, 3; fourth place, 1.

State Track Meet—The State Track Meet will be a two-day meet in order to avoid the strain that has been placed on contestants by requiring them to run trials and finals the same day. Trials will be held on Friday, and finals will be held Saturday morning. The new schedule for the events is published in the Bulletin.

The Guard on Offense

By W. H. CHAMBLESS

Assistant Coach, Auburn

FROM the first day of practice we insist that the guard make special study of his stance and continue to do so until he acquires one in which he is best able to perform.

A—Stance

Take comfortable stance, one which feels natural.

1. Feet parallel and from 14-18 inches apart, depending on the individual.
2. Greater part of the weight on the balls of the feet, and not on the heels or the instep.
3. Knees are also 14-18 inches apart and in parallel line first as the feet and knees should be in direct line with the shoulders.
4. Shoulders level and chest out.
5. Head up, looking straight forward, he gets split vision.
6. Back should be straight and slightly forward.
7. Rump slightly down to give added power to the lunge.
8. It is important that the greater part of weight be on the balls of feet, but the remaining small amount on hand.

B—Balance

The stance described gives a guard balance to pull left, right, move forward and even backward. His feet are under him, where every good guard continues to keep them. By taking the correct stance the guard does not have to lean or tip plays in any way. He can move quicker with short steps, have balance from the start of forward and lateral move.

C—Pulling Out

It is important that the guard line up before the tackle. The tackle has to take stance with foot approximately four (4) inches from foot of guard so it can readily be seen why it is imperative for the guard to line up first. The tackle will probably line up with foot next to his guard slightly advanced and own outside foot back. The guard should impress on his tackle that his lining up and movements mean a great deal to the guard in pulling out.

The right guard should take position with his left foot close in to the

center. His toe should be about on line with the center's heel; his right foot should be where the toes are on line with the instep of other foot. This makes it easier to pull around the tackle.

The guards and tackles are lined up in a way that they are free to move without hindering each other. Now comes a most important point in pulling out which is the first step. Unless this step is done correctly the movement will be slow. Pulling to the short side, back of tackle, the inside leg is crossed over and should gain about a foot towards the side line and from three to six inches in depth. This step is taken simultaneously with the body turn and the arm swing. The head and eyes should be turned towards the side line along with this first move. The most common faults in pulling out are to allow the body to lag back, and to raise up.

Constant practice is necessary for the first step. The guard must keep this in mind for if it is too long it then requires a few more steps to regain balance, speed and power. Every step he takes must be rather short and choppy. For one point, if the stride is long and he is off balance from it, a defensive lineman might break through and hit guard, knocking him to the ground or at least off path.

D—To Cut at Right Angle

1. Keep most of weight on inside foot.
2. Drop inside shoulder.
3. Plant outside foot and push off at right angle.

So much of the blocking for the two guards is done on the line backers, they have to be able to cut down field at a very sharp angle. In order to do this they need a definite way to practice. We insist that they take this turn as part of their fundamental work. Each day during the Spring practice our guards work on this maneuver for at least five minutes.

Not until our guards have covered the few fundamentals listed do we attempt to tie up the different type blocks with the plays.

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BASKETBALL SUMMARIES

Southern Conference Basketball Tournament

By TED MANN



DUKE UNIVERSITY—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, 1941

Left to right, first row—Negro attendant; Chuck Holley, center; Eddie Shokes, guard.

Second row, left to right—Cy Valessek, guard; Co-Captain Glenn Price, forward; Co-Captain Tom Connelly, guard; Ray Spuhler, forward; Sam Rothbaum, forward.

Back row, left to right—Bill McCahan, guard; Bill Mock, forward; Ray Brown, center; Bob Chambers, trainer; Eddie Cameron, Coach.

DUKE UNIVERSITY'S basketball team, a great ball-handling and defensive team but only a fair outfit in shooting accuracy, found its collective eye in the Southern Conference basketball tournament, held in Raleigh, N. C., February 27 and 28 and March 1, and gave the institution its second conference cage championship.

The Blue Devils, coached by Eddie Cameron, had to win its final four conference games in a row—one against the potent North Carolina outfit—to qualify for the conference play-off but that they did and then won over North Carolina, William and Mary and South Carolina to win the title.

As has been said, the Duke team of 1941 was a crew of sensational ball handlers and were excellent on defense but, after the loss of Co-Captain Glenn Price due to a knee injury, there was not a player on the squad who could be called a great shot.

During the regular season, this team probably took more shots at the basket than any team in the conference. They could work the ball in and find the openings but their shots would go wild.

They first started hitting late in the campaign. Having dropped four games in a row—the most Cameron had lost in succession since he took over in 1929—the Blue Devils then started hitting a good majority of their shots and they couldn't be beaten.

In their final game of the regular season, Duke defeated North Carolina 39-38, doing a good job of bottling George Glamack, the Tar Heel All-America. It was North Carolina's first defeat in conference play.

As the "luck of the draw" went North Carolina, seeded No. 1, drew Duke as its first round opponent. Again the Blue Devils bottled up Glamack, this time more successfully than before, and triumphed, 38-37.

The final two games were close

for the first half but in both the Blue Devils put on second half bursts that carried them far into the lead and to easy victories. William and Mary was beaten, 57-42, and South Carolina in the finals by 53-30.

North Carolina, Duke, Washington and Lee, William and Mary, Wake Forest, V. M. I., South Carolina and Richmond were the eight teams qualifying for the annual tourney.

North Carolina was "seeded" No. 1, South Carolina No. 2, William and Mary, No. 3, and Washington and Lee No. 4.

South Carolina and Richmond opened the tournament Thursday afternoon and the Gamecocks topped the Spiders by 41-32, just following out the general plan of things.

The first upset came in the second afternoon game when William and Mary walloped Wake Forest 52-34. While William and Mary was seeded ahead of the Deacons, Wake Forest had the experts on that side of the fence.

Then another upset came when V. M. I. put out the fourth seeded Washington and Lee team, 39-32. That was the first formal athletic contest between teams of those two Lexington, Va., institutions since 1904.

To cap off the first day's card, Duke pulled the biggest upset of them all by triumphing over North Carolina's great team, 38-37. The old timers said that game ranked with the greatest of all-time tournament contests for sheer brilliance of execution.

South Carolina scored a victory over V. M. I. with a pair of free throws in the final four seconds of play in the first semi-finals game Friday night. This was another thriller that started slowly but worked up to a whirlwind finish.

In the second semi-finals game, Duke worked up a 30-21 lead at the half and then walked away with it, 57-42.

The finals game between Duke and South Carolina was brilliant for the first half with the Blue Devils in front, 15-14, but after the intermission, the Blue Devils put on their

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Southeastern Conference Basketball Tournament

By JOHN W. MAUER

Basketball Coach, University of Tennessee



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE—SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, 1941

Front Row, left to right—Mike Balitsaris, Gilbert Huffman, Captain Frank Thomas, Bernie Mehen and John Clark.
Back row, left to right—James Allen, John Thomason, William Luttrell, Larry Partridge, Paul Herman, Bunzy O'Neil and Manager William Blinks.

PERSONALLY, I felt that the tournament was the most evenly matched one that we have had for many years, with all the teams capable of beating any other team on a given night. The records of the various teams during the season bore out this belief, as practically every one split with their opponents in home and home engagements.

In the tournament play there were very many close and well played games, but when the semi-finals were reached, strangely enough, the four teams that had been seeded were still in the running. The Kentucky-Alabama game was a hard fought contest from start to finish, with Kentucky nosing out the Crimson Tide in the last minute with a two point margin. Hank Crisp's team played fine ball and showed the result of excellent coaching. Both Kentucky and Tennessee experienced considerable trouble in two of the first three games which they played. Kentucky had a difficult time with Ole Miss and Alabama, and Tennessee experienced the same trouble with Mississippi State and Georgia. The tournament was assured a sell-out crowd on Saturday night when the two pre-conference favorites, Kentucky and Tennessee,

met in the final game. These two teams had split in their regular season games and the rubber game found both teams playing excellent ball, with Tennessee finally winning out by a 36 to 33 margin.

The finest individual performance was given by Vanderbilt's Pinky Lipscomb, who tallied 52 points in two games. Auburn's great center, Shag Hawkins, was forced to leave the Alabama game because of excessive personal fouls, and consequently did not have the opportunity to show the great play which he displayed during the regular season.

Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee showed fine team play in their games, and Tennessee's team performance, both on offense and defense, enabled it to go through undefeated.

Conference selections found Pinky Lipscomb (Vanderbilt), Adair (Alabama), and Mehen (Tennessee) as forwards; Thomas (Tennessee), and King (Kentucky) as centers; and Huffman (Tennessee), Akers and Huber (Kentucky) as guards.

The tournament was a financial success and all coaches were in agreement that the Kentucky officials had done an excellent job in putting on the tournament.

GILBERT HUFFMAN All-American Nominee

GILBERT HUFFMAN, Tennessee's brilliant basketball guard, has been to Volunteer basketball what Bob Foxx was to the orange-clad football team.

Gib Huffman is the last of the great Huffman athletes. His older brother, Vernon, was an all Big-Ten guard, and selected as the most valuable player in the conference while playing football for Indiana. Marvin, the other brother, captained and held down a guard position as well as making the All-America team while playing for the Indiana cagers. Indiana held the national intercollegiate basketball title last year.

Gilbert has run anchor man for the great family of athletes, but by no means has he finished last when you start grouping the boys on ability.

He has been selected as an all-conference performer for the past three years, captained the Tennessee hoopsters in 1939-40 and has held his opponents in the lower bracket when it came to scoring.

His coach, Johnny Mauer, says he is one of the greatest basketball guards he has seen in many a moon. These are big words, too, because Mauer was a former Big-Ten star at Illinois, and has had the good fortune to cast his blinkers on many classy court luminaries.

Adolph Rupp, Kentucky coach, says the kid is a natural. He went so far as to say that Indiana had to go some if they turned them out much better than this southpaw. His sense of judgment on a basketball court is unexcelled, according to Mr. Rupp.

No greater tribute could be paid a collegian than the one handed out by Pinky Lipscomb, Vanderbilt's sharp-eyed forward, when he said, "I thought this fellow Opper, All-American guard, from Kentucky last year, was the greatest guard I ever played against, but now I know that Huffman of Tennessee stands head and shoulders over him."

Lipscomb is one of the greatest shots in the conference, and after having Huffman on him in two contests this year, he scored a total of 14 points. Lipscomb averaged around 26 points per game during the season. What's more, the Vandy flash scored a total of 56 points in two tournament games. You can't sneeze this sort of stuff off.

If the year 1941 knows an All-America guard, then it's pretty hard to pass this Tennessee Volunteer up.

The Southeastern Conference of Junior Colleges

By T. H. WILLIAMS

THE Southeastern Athletic Conference of Junior Colleges was organized at Asheville, N. C., February 26, 27, 1927. The idea of the Southeastern Athletic Conference of Junior Colleges came out of the recommendation of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States that all members be advised to belong to some recognized athletic conference.

With this in mind, several of the junior college representatives who were in attendance at the 1925 meeting of the Association at Charleston, S. C., and at the 1926 meeting at Jackson, Mississippi, recommended calling a meeting with the object of perfecting an athletic organization of junior colleges. This was done and the first meeting was held at the Battery Park Hotel at Asheville, N. C., in February, 1927. At that time the Southeastern Athletic Conference of Junior Colleges was organized.

A Constitution and By-Laws were drafted, based on those of other athletic conferences in the South, and were adopted.

Plans were perfected for the next annual meeting of the Conference and for the first basketball tournament. These were held at Asheville in 1929 and 1930, each with increased interest. From 1932 through 1937 the basketball tournament was held at Newport, Tennessee. In 1938 the tournament was held at the University of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn. In 1939 the tournament was held at Middle Georgia College at Cochran, Georgia. In 1940 the tournament was held at Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn. And in 1941 the tournament was held at Marion Institute, Marion, Ala.

Winners of the basketball tournaments are:

1928.....	Mars Hill College
1929.....	Bluefield College
1930.....	West. Caro. Teachers College
1931.....	No Tournament
1932.....	Shenandoah College
1933.....	Middle Georgia College
1934.....	Middle Georgia College
1935.....	Tennessee Wesleyan College
1936.....	Tennessee Wesleyan College
1937.....	Hiwassee College
1938.....	Austin Peay Normal School
1939.....	Tennessee Wesleyan College

1940.....	Middle Georgia College
1941.....	Tennessee Wesleyan College

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE For 1941-42

L. H. Browning.....	President
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Hiwassee College	
Executive Committee for 1941-42	
includes the above officers and J. T. Murfee, Marion Institute, and J. K. Rash, of Pikeville College.	

MEMBER INSTITUTIONS 1941

Cumberland College.....	Williamsburg, Ky.
Hiwassee College.....	Madisonville, Tenn.
Marion Institute.....	Marion, Ala.
Mars Hill College.....	Mars Hill, N. C.
Middle Georgia College.....	Cochran, Ga.
Pikeville College.....	Pikeville, Ky.
South Georgia College.....	Douglas, Ga.
Snead Junior College.....	Boaz, Ala.
St. Bernard College.....	Cullman, Ala.
Tennessee Wesleyan College.....	Athens, Tenn.
West Georgia College.....	Carrollton, Ga.
Young Harris College.....	Young Harris, Ga.

The 1941 basketball tournament held at Marion Institute, Marion, Ala., was one of the best balanced tournaments held by the conference. Eight of the thirteen conference members entered teams. The only schools not represented were Young Harris College, Cumberland College, Hiwassee College, West Georgia College and Austin Peay Normal School. Tennessee Wesleyan College was pre-tournament favorite to win the meet with South Georgia College, Middle Georgia College and Marion Institute having an equal following to upset the favorite. The meet ran true to form with Tennessee Wesleyan and South Georgia going to the finals and Tennessee Wesleyan winning 37 to 33 to cop the 1941 Conference basketball title. Middle Georgia and Marion Institute were eliminated in the first round and Marion Institute won the Consolation Bracket of teams eliminated the first round of the meet. Pikeville College and Mars Hill College, losers in the semi-finals, played for their place with Pikeville winning in an overtime game 50 to 45.

Scores of tournament games:

First Round

Mars Hill College, 38; St. Bernard College, 29.

Tennessee Wesleyan College, 2; Snead Junior College, 0.

Pikeville College, 65; Middle Georgia College, 56.
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South Georgia College, 54; Marion Institute, 38.
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Note—Snead forfeited to Tennessee Wesleyan by failing to make an appearance in meet.

Semi-Finals

Tennessee Wesleyan College, 45; Mars Hill College, 33.
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South Georgia College, 59; Pikeville College, 48.

Finals Game

Tennessee Wesleyan College, 37; South Georgia College, 33.
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Consolation Games

Pikeville College, 50; Mars Hill College, 45 (over time) for 3rd place.

Consolation Bracket for First Round Losers

Marion Institute, 50; Middle Georgia College, 45.

St. Bernard College, 2; Snead Junior College, 0.*

*Note—Snead forfeited to St. Bernard via failure to appear for game.

Final Game of the Consolation Bracket

Marion Institute, 44; St. Bernard College, 27.
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The All Southeastern Conference of Junior Colleges Basketball Team for 1941, as picked by the coaches, was:

First Team

Forwards—*Glenn Michaels (Captain), Tennessee Wesleyan College; Gene Thurston, South Georgia College.

Center—Bill Headrick, Tennessee Wesleyan College.

Guards—**Norman Faircloth, Middle Georgia College; **Roland Beasley, Marion Institute; **Vernon Blankenship, Pikeville College.

*Note—Michaels was named as captain, being unanimous All-Conference.

**Faircloth, Beasley and Blankenship received the same number of votes, making it necessary to name three guards on the first team.

Second Team

Forwards—Elza Newsome, Pikeville College; Russell Aitken, South Georgia College.

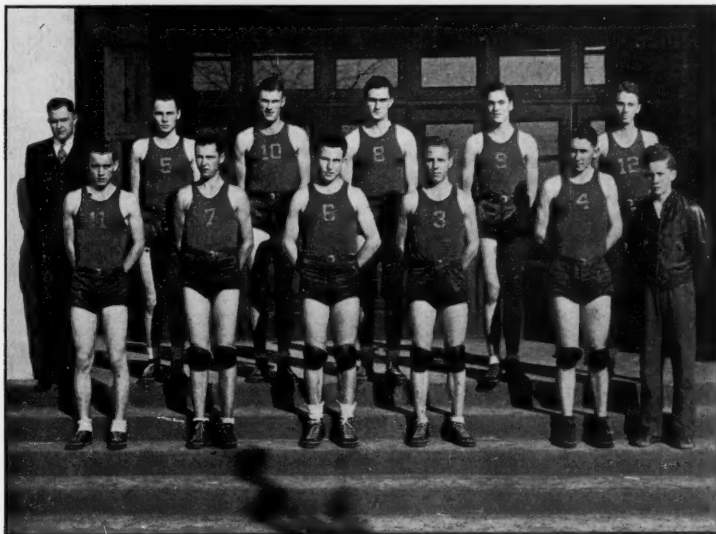
Center—Tol Eslick, Marion Institute.

Guards—Shirley Whitley, South Georgia College; Earle Smith, South Georgia College.

Tennessee Wesleyan College, of Athens, Tenn., extended an invitation to hold the 1942 Basketball Tournament there, which was referred to the executive committee.

Alabama State Basketball Tournament

By LUMAN WELLS



CHILTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, CLANTON, ALA.—ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS, 1941

Front row, left to right—Luther Chambers, Royal Coggins, F. C. Cost, James Payton, Clinton Deason, and James Foshee, manager.

Second row, left to right—Coach Dewey L. Cox, U. L. Riggins, Captain Osmond Johnson, Wellington Collins, Paul Smith and Curtis Daniels.

As easily as it went through a near perfect season, Chilton County High School, of Clanton, won the annual Alabama State High School Basketball Tournament by trouncing Millerville, 30-19. Coached by Dewey Cox, the Clanton outfit has won the Alabama high school title twice in a three-year period. Guin won the crown last year.

The victory was the climax to the season which saw the team break three district records. Clanton, in the third district tournament at Selma, went completely wild and buried Magnolia High, 124-7! That set a single game scoring record. With that score for a base, the quintet went on to score 315 points to its opponents' 73. That took care of the scoring mark. Paul Smith, a substitute center, registered 49 points in a single game. That broke the individual scoring record for a single game. Three records!

Always a power in Alabama basketball, Clanton's team is composed of what the fans proudly call "just country boys with a plow handle in one hand and a basketball in the other." And that is almost a fact.

They take their basketball seriously in Chilton County, fans and players alike. The boys participate in other sports, too, but all through the year they practice basketball. They eat, sleep and dream basketball. That explains a lot.

Clanton went into the tournament as an outsider in the betting odds by some shift of fortune. Pre-tournament betting favored the defending titleholder, Guin, along with Corner, Kinston and Ensley. Millerville eked out a 30-28 triumph over the gangling Guin team, McGill, of Mobile, squelched Kinston's hopes with a 38-34 setback, Sidney Lanier eliminated Ensley, 45-25, and Corner was tossed out by Hackneyville, 33-30. All of these teams lost in the opening round of play. The favorites were gone.

McGill gained the spectators' admiration with one of the smoothest working teams seen in the opening round, but in the semi-finals with Clanton, the Mobilians were outclassed. Clanton won, 28-24, in a game which was not as close as the score might indicate. Millerville barely nudged Sidney Lanier from the semi-finals by a 34-32 count.

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ALABAMA SPORT SHORTS

Malvern Morgan, three-letter man at Auburn, was signed as athletic director at Opelika High School, March 10, to succeed Billy Hitchcock, another former Auburn athlete. Hitchcock, under a one-year contract, left his position with the approaching of baseball season in order that he might report to the Kansas City Blues. Morgan won letters in football, baseball and basketball; in his senior year he captained both the baseball and basketball teams. He was awarded a trophy as the outstanding athlete of the season at the conclusion of his senior year.

Birmingham's Central Y. M. C. A. team won the State Volleyball Tournament which was held in Montgomery by defeating the Capital City's varsity team in two straight games. Birmingham lost only one game during the course of the tournament, bowing to Selma. The Southern Volleyball Tournament will be held in Montgomery in April.

Dell Morgan, former Auburn line coach, was named head coach at Texas Tech College. Morgan coached at Texas Tech once before; he went to Auburn with Jack Meagher. At the time of his appointment, Morgan was line coach under Jess Neely at Rice Institute.

After a 17-year lapse, the University of Alabama and Auburn renewed athletic relationship. The two were forced to meet in the quarter-finals of the Southeastern Conference Basketball Tournament. Alabama won, 38-16.

Gordon "Tornado" Terry, 185-pound second string fullback on THE SOUTHERN COACH AND ATHLETE's Alabama All-State eleven, quit Gadsden High School at mid-term. He is expected to re-enter in September. Terry is reportedly headed for the University of Alabama upon completion of his high school education.

Football fans were amazed at the result of Auburn's spring intra-squad game, when the Oranges and Blues deadlocked, 40-40. The sideline coaches are wondering whether a scoring monster is in the making, or whether the defense is weak. Coach Jack Meagher is to use a variation of the "T" formation this season.

Georgia Junior College Basketball

By CHARLES KOPP

THE Athletic Association of Georgia Junior Colleges terminated its sixth annual basketball program at Tifton March 1 by crowning Coach J. T. (Jake) Morris' Middle Georgia Wolverines as conference champions for the third consecutive season.

Triumph in the tournament gave the Cochran cagers another trophy to place beside the one they received when declared winner in the season's race, a new conception of colorful competition inaugurated by the loop this year. It was the fourth state title for M. G. C., who won the first great event staged by the association in 1936. Abraham Baldwin and Armstrong, in that order, interrupted the reign of the Wolverines, but the "race-horse" basketekers trotted back to their now time-worn throne a couple of campaigns later. The big "blitzkrieg" boys of 1939 were Morris' greatest turnout, as was proved by their play in the second of three spectacles held at Douglas.

Plenty of excitement lent itself to the first-round games of the recent tourney at Abraham Baldwin. North Georgia's band blared into two extra periods that Thursday evening before the towering West Georgia Braves eliminated North Georgia, 48 to 46. Middle Georgia silenced the big berthas of Gordon's Barnesville battalion, 49-32, while Baldwin packed up 12 points in the last two minutes to blast a slim lead of the Norman Bears, 35 and 25.

A big upset and West Georgia's ability to squeeze through close contests featured firing the following afternoon. Armstrong again played the role of a "giant-killer," toppling the highly favored Georgia Military Bulldogs, 54 to 46. Abraham Baldwin was the victim of the wild westerners, 36-35, and the Mountain Lions of Young Harris spiritedly challenged the supremacy of Middle Georgia before falling back, 60-51. The thundering herd of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee was trampled by the second-seeded South Georgia Tigers, 56 to 38.

Saturday morning's semi-finals saw the smooth Bengals from Douglas outsmarting West Georgia, with 51 points at the final as compared with 34, while the Middle Georgians final-

ly repelled the surprise team of the tournament, Armstrong's Geechees, 58-48. The Savannah squad was also clipped in the consolation go, by West Georgia, 40 to 30. The count in the championship contest was in favor of Middle Georgia, 51 to 42, over the South Georgia quintet.

Officials have termed the past season and tournament as the most successful yet. Although a notable depreciation in the strength of the teams has been prevalent during the past two years, competition has become "crazy" colorful because of the evenly-matched status of the clubs.

President Paul Carroll, of Norman, who has headed the association since organization and who received credit from the other officials for the development into the strong unit, says:

"Since the reorganization of the Athletic Association of Georgia Junior Colleges five years ago, interest in the annual state basketball tournament has steadily increased. With the increased interest a corresponding movement in the type basketball played has been most evident. As the tournaments have grown in popularity year by year, so also has progress been made in the matter of the essentials of all good sports: good officiating, clean player and coach sportsmanship, and the enthusiastic support of each contestant's loyal partisans.

"The Tifton tournament, in my judgment, has set a high standard for all succeeding tournaments in the excellence of individual and team play, in the predominance of the spirit of fair play, and in the efficiency with which the entire event was handled by the host college, Abraham Baldwin College."

Coach J. B. Searce, Jr., who came to Norman from a section where basketball booms—Kentucky—reported the tourney as the best one since coming to Georgia. "The teams, while, on the whole, not so good as last year or the year before, were the most evenly matched they have ever been. I feel that every team's staying to the end indicated that everyone enjoyed the fine hospitality afforded by the faculty and students of Abraham Baldwin," Searce said.

Only drawback cited by anyone was the failure, for the first time in several seasons, of a few member schools—Reinhardt, Brewton-Parker, and Augusta—to enter the event.

Only two teams in the conference seemed to be considerably stronger than last year, they being Young Harris and Rabun Gap-Nacoochee. South Georgia, Georgia Military, North Georgia, Armstrong, and West Georgia seemed near their last season's level. The Baptist brethren of Norman and Brewton-Parker were sorely off, while Middle Georgia, Baldwin, Augusta, Gordon, and Reinhardt were below their usual par.

Much of the success of the colorful conference is attributed to the group of men who coach the clubs. They are: J. T. Morris, Middle Georgia, Cochran; Orion Mitchell, Abraham Baldwin, Tifton; J. B. Searce, Jr., Norman, Norman Park; Rhea A. Taylor, West Georgia, Carrollton; Roy E. Rollins, Augusta Junior, Augusta; I. M. (Chick) Shiver, Armstrong, Savannah; W. H. Green, Brewton-Parker, Mt. Vernon; W. L. Dance, Young Harris, Young Harris; J. K. Acree, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee, Rabun Gap; M. A. Herndon, South Georgia, Douglas; W. L. Potts, Reinhardt, Waleska; S. L. Coker, North Georgia, Dahlonega; G. E. Florence, Georgia Military, Milledgeville, and A. Alexander, Gordon, Barnesville.

Outstanding tour of the season was Norman's week of wandering to Kentucky. With this as one of the exceptions, conference clubs made their usual fine showing against outside opposition, with much of it being of the senior college variety. League leaders pointed out during the tourney the records being made by graduates of the junior colleges, who are going on to greater glory.

The all-tournament team, selected by officials, was: Norman Faircloth and Newell Nesmith, of Middle Georgia, at the guard slots; Eugene Thurston and Earl Smith, of South Georgia, at the forward positions, and Paul Rogers, of West Georgia, at center. The latter was the individual high-scorer for the cage joust, amassing 60 points. His cousin and teammate, Dan Rogers, trailed him by filing away 49 markers.

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Georgia Junior College

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The SOUTHERN COACH AND ATHLETE's star squad for 1941 follows:

Forwards—Thurston and R. Aitken, South Georgia; Clements, Norman; Paul and Dan Rogers, West Georgia; Archer, Georgia Military; Deaton, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; McRanie, Middle Georgia; Oswald, Gordon; Franklin, Brewton-Parker, and Blake, Armstrong.

Centers—W. Griffith, Georgia Military; Whitley, South Georgia, and McDavid, North Georgia.

Guards—Parrish, Augusta; Thomas, Norman; Faircloth and Nesmith, Middle Georgia; Smith, South Georgia; Eubanks, Armstrong; Timms, Reinhardt; Broadrick, Young Harris, and Pruett, Baldwin.

Georgia's state finalists entered the Southeastern tournament, at Marion, Ala., with one week's rest, and South Georgia went to the finals, losing to mighty Tennessee Wesleyan, 37 to 33. Middle Georgia, defending champion of the circuit, was upset in the opening round by Pikeville, later eliminated by the South Georgians. Faircloth and Thurston were picked among the best five players at the meet, with Aitken, Smith, and Whitley, of South Georgia, being accorded honorable mention.

After several efforts to resign, "so someone else might be given a chance," President Paul Carroll was finally favored with a successor, President George H. King, of Abraham Baldwin, proving a popular choice for the second prexy of the association, in the election of officers at the tournament. President J. C. Rogers, of North Georgia, was named vice-president, and Major Parker Moseley, of Gordon, was selected as secretary, to replace Lt. K. D. Colson, late of the same school, who was called recently to active army duty. Presidents L. H. Browning, of Middle Georgia, and J. H. Jenkins, of Georgia Military, were elected to serve with Rogers and Moseley as an executive committee.

The new surge of interest in girls' basketball has brought much talk of a state classic for the conference co-ed clubs. In unofficial competition the past winter, the Middle Georgia maidens were declared the final loop leader. The Red and Black six de-

Third Annual Duke-Durham Tournament



ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.—SOUTHERN CHAMPIONS, 1941

THE Third Annual Duke-Durham Southern High School Invitation Basketball Tournament was held in Durham, N. C., March 13, 14, and 15. The teams invited this year and their pairings were as follows:

Upper Bracket

Durham High, Durham, N. C., 28; John Marshall, Richmond, Va., 37.

Greenville High, Greenville, S. C., 34; Jefferson High, Roanoke, Va., 32.

Lower Bracket

Lafayette High, Lexington, Ky., 34; Bethesda High, Bethesda, Md., 28.

Roosevelt High, Washington, D. C., 33; Boys' High, Atlanta, Ga., 20.

In the semi-finals, Greenville High eliminated Richmond 26 to 20 and Roosevelt High defeated Lafayette 33

to 16. Roosevelt High emerged champions by nosing out Greenville in the finals 36 to 35. This game was a thrilling climax to a great tournament that was well handled in every respect.

The All-Tournament team, selected by eight coaches, follows:

Forwards—Gordon Carver, Durham High; Furman Riddle, Greenville High.

Center—Carthal Crout, Greenville High.

Guards—Bill Klein, Jno. Marshall High; Hymie Perlo, Roosevelt High.

Riddle, of Greenville High, was high scorer with 38 points, and Perlo, of Roosevelt High, was selected as the most valuable player in the tournament.

feated Piedmont, a senior college outfit, in a match set-up to determine a Georgia collegiate champion. Norman's Garneis, judged second strongest, and Coach C. A. Collins' Tiger Lilies of South Georgia had infrequent slim seasons. The M. G. C. lassies were led by a couple of hot howitzers manning forward flanks, Louise Lyles and Versie Massey. Two of the most talented damsels ever to step on a court in Crackerland, tall

Ruby Young, who specializes on a pretty pivot shot, and Geraldine Simpson, a defensive demon, paced a slow-starting Norman Junior sextet, which had some new home planks to pound.

The crown copped by the Middle Georgia girls provided a clean sweep for the little city of Cochran in cage competition. Both the high school's teams there captured cups in Sixth District "B" play.

Georgia Class A Tournament

By JOE LANSDELL



SAVANNAH HIGH—GEORGIA CHAMPIONS, 1941

Photo courtesy Augusta Chronicle.

Front row, left to right—Jack Kiley, Charlie Chappas, John Way, Alternate Captain; Herbie Bergman, Captain; Jeff King.

Second row, left to right—Jim Brewton, Andy Morrow, Cecil Hartis, Lewis Hook, Mac Kelly.

Back row, left to right—Jerry Eisenberg, Athletic Director; Homer Peeples, Manager; O'Neil Cupstid, Coach; Hemans Oliver, Coach.

RUNNING true to form, the G. I. A. A. cage tournament closed March 1 in Augusta with a thrilling duel which found Savannah High nosing out Boys' High 29-28.

Seeded teams were Lanier, Richmond Academy, Benedictine, and Savannah. Benedictine was forced to leave its key man, Sammy McTeer, in the hospital and lost out to Boys' High, who made up the semi-finals along with the other three seeded outfits.

In the earlier games, Lanier knocked out Commercial and Monroe in close battles, while Savannah had little trouble with Tech High and Columbus, nor Richmond with Marist and Jordan.

Savannah and Boys' High showed themselves to be the class of the

tourney in the way they dumped Richmond and Lanier out of the proceedings in the semi-finals.

The championship battle between the two was a thriller all the way, with Boys' High holding a lead of a few points most of the time. Dixie Cohen, Atlanta guard, had Savannah's Herb Bergman, high point man for the tourney until the finals, completely covered. But in the last few seconds, Bergman dropped through his only two points of the night and those two points put the Blue Jackets ahead. The game ended before Boys' High could work the ball back down the court.

Lanier nosed out Richmond in the consolation affair.

Held in Augusta for the first time, the event was played in the new

Municipal Auditorium, which drew praise from the various officials, as did the sponsors of the tourney, the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Individual stars of the 1941 event were indicated by the well-chosen all-star team, which follows:

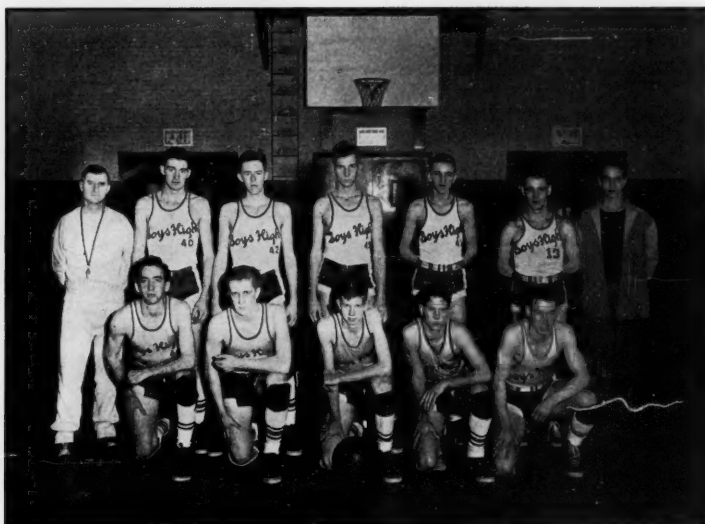
First Team—Wolf, Columbus, and Willis, Richmond, forwards; Bergman, Savannah, center; and Stacy, Benedictine, and Castleberry, Boys' High, guards.

Second Team—King, Savannah, and Murphy, Monroe, forwards; Butts, Monroe, center; and Ray, Jordan, and Dooley, Lanier, guards.

Honorable Mention—Popkin, Richmond, Doyle, Boys' High, and Jansko-Commercial, forwards; Plunkett, Richmond, and Hughes, Boys' High, centers; and Gilreath, Lanier, and Atkinson, Richmond, guards.

GEORGIA "BIG SEVEN"

By FELTON GORDON



BOYS' HIGH, ATLANTA—BIG SEVEN CHAMPIONS, 1941

Front row, left to right—Dixie Cohen, Captain; Johnny Doyle, Lester Hughes, Bobby Gaston, Clint Castleberry.

Back row, left to right—Dwight Keith, Coach; Ben Avery, Robert McAfee, Robert Rayle, David Hambrick, Charles Brooks, Sidney Vicknair, Manager.

A HEATED stretch drive featuring Canton, Columbus and Boys' High, made things lively in the 1941 Big Seven Basketball league campaign.

Boys' High's Purple Paladins, winners of nine straight games, came through with a strong finish. Both Canton and Columbus failed at the crucial points.

Coach Dwight Keith tutored his Purples into one of the strongest teams ever to represent the Atlanta school. Led by Johnny Doyle, high scorer, they won the title with a record of 9 victories and 3 defeats.

Canton came second, with Columbus High third.

With a band of rangy sharpshooters, Canton showed early season promise when they won four straight to maintain the lead for several weeks. They faded and then came back to finish strongly.

Once bounced off the victory trail, however, they went into reverse and the fight for the gonfalon resolved into a 2-way affair between Columbus and Boys' High. The Blue Devils "got hot" early in February and led until the last week of the campaign.

The outcome was decided when Boys' High tapped Tech High, 32-26, while Columbus High was dropping two wind-up games to the Monroe Aggies.

Jordan High School came up with an average team. Coach B. F. Register, handicapped by the lack of experienced material, produced an aggregation which made things interesting for its opponents. Commercial High and Tech High experienced little success, finishing on the bottom.

The Big Seven All-Star selections made in a poll conducted by *The Ledger Enquirer* of Columbus saw Boys' High cop two berths on the first team. Clint Castleberry, guard, who won acclaim as the fastest man in the state, and Johnny Doyle, high scorer, were the Purple representatives.

Standings			
Teams—	W	L	Pct.
Boys' High	9	3	.750
Canton High	8	4	.667
Columbus High	7	5	.583
Jordan High	6	6	.500
Monroe	6	6	.500
Commercial	2	10	.166
Tech High	2	10	.166

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First Team

Forwards—Johnny Doyle, Boys' High; Lester Ray, Jordan High.

Center—Snooks Hyder, Monroe Aggies.

Guards—Clint Castleberry, Boys' High; Buck Roebuck, Canton High.

Second Team

Forwards—Harold Cohn, Columbus High; Tippens, Canton High.

Center—Hughes, Boys' High.

Guards—Dixie Cohen, Boys' High; Hubert Wilson, Jordan High.

Georgia Y.M.C.A. State Junior Basketball Tournament

By SOL MARSHALL

SAVANNAH, host to the annual Georgia Y. M. C. A. State Junior Basketball Tournament, swept to the championship in all three divisions in 1941. The quintets which had won their respective league championships at the Geechee Association were also triumphant against visiting teams from five other cities in the one-day tournament staged on March 8.

The Crackers, defeated in the finals of the Junior (17-and-under) division at Athens last year by the Atlanta Triangles, fought their way to the title with a 36-27 victory over the Augusta Intermediates. No other teams were entered in this division.

Jefferson Athletic Club's 14-year-old team edged out Columbus, 18-17, to win the Prep championship. The JAC has won the league crown and the right to represent Savannah in this tournament for the past six years, but it was the first Prep title won by the JAC's in that time, although they have scored state victories in the other two divisions.

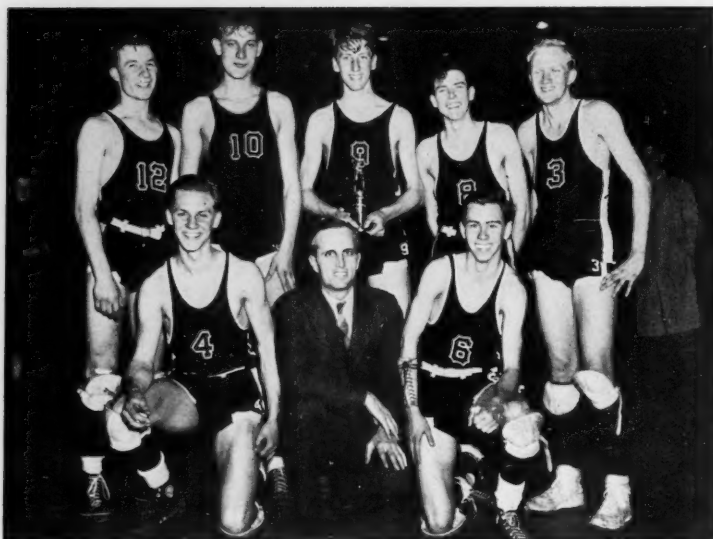
JAC held a lead over Columbus throughout the game, which was narrowed to 18-15 with four minutes to go. Apparently on the upswing, Columbus controlled the ball in the closing minutes, but took few shots and connected with only one field goal just before the final gong.

In the first round, Savannah defeated Thomasville, 38-5, and Columbus won from Augusta, last year's champion, 24-11. Savannah beat Atlanta, 33-13, and Columbus defeated Athens, 27-16, in the semi-finals.

Columbus, the 1940 champions, did not enter the Midget (12-and-under) tournament, which Bethesda, of Savannah, won by a baseball score victory over Augusta, 11-6. In the first round, Savannah defeated Athens, 30-12, and Augusta beat Atlanta, 25-4.

Georgia B, C, and D Basketball Tournament

By S. F. BURKE
Secretary, Georgia High School Association



ATHENS HIGH—GEORGIA CLASS "C" CHAMPIONS, 1941

Front row, left to right—Bradberry, Coach Harrell and Gentry.

Back row, left to right—Hickman, Erwin, Griffith, Chastain, and Cobb.

NEW champions were crowned in all of the divisions of the annual basketball tournament of the Georgia High School Association played at the University of Georgia on March 5-8.

In Class D Westside Junior High School ran roughshod over the entire field to win easily. Westside defeated Bowersville, last year's runner up, 42 to 24 in the final game. Westside won its right to compete in the finals by winning from Elizabeth Junior High 43 to 17; defeating Elpino Junior High 32 to 17. Bowersville cleared the first round on a bye and entered the finals by defeating Cottondale, last year's champions, 34 to 14. Bowersville was no match for Westside, as the champions scored practically at will. Alfred Barnes, one of the best sharpshooters to perform on the court during the tournament, paced the Westside attack with 22 points.

The Summary:

Westside (42) Bowersville (24)
Barnes (22)f..... Mouchett (14)
R. Newton (7)f..... Burgess (4)
Jones (6)c..... Purcell (4)
J. Deal (3)g..... Stone
Newsome (2)g..... Coe (2)
Substitutions: Westside, C. Deal (2); Bowersville, Jackson.

The C Group Championship was annexed by Bonaire from the Third Congressional District. Bonaire defeated Dacula in the final game 36 to 29. Bonaire won its way to the finals by winning from Talbotton 33 to 27 in a hard fought game and by coming from behind to defeat Stilson 33 to 25 in the semi-final game. Dacula earned the right to face Bonaire by winning from Fairmount 35 to 32 and defeating Mansfield 42 to 35 in the semi-finals.

The most exciting game of the C group was the quarter final game between Mansfield and Dixie. Dixie ran up the score in the first half to lead Mansfield 15 to 5. Mansfield surged back in the last half to tie the score in the closing minutes of the game and won in an extra period 23 to 21.

The summary of the final game:

Dacula (29) Bonaire (35)
Cain (14)f..... Childs (6)
Phillips (6)f..... Davidson (10)
Strickland (5)c..... Perdue (9)
Still (3)g..... Stafford (4)
Ethridge (1)g..... Holloway (6)
Substitutions: Dacula, Sims, Royster; Bonaire, Wheelus.

The Class B tournament was a bitter battle throughout. Athens won the title in the final game, dethroning

last year's champions, Clarkston, 30 to 28.

Athens won its opening game from Fitzhugh Lee 39 to 11; defeated Cochran in the quarter finals 42 to 27; and eliminated Canton in the semi-finals in a hard battle 23 to 20. In the Canton game Athens held Canton to one point in the first half to lead 12 to 1 at the half. Canton staged a determined fight in the last half but could never quite catch up.

Clarkston won its opening game from Baxley by a one point margin, 25 to 24; conquered Americus in the quarter finals 36 to 28; eliminated Albany 24 to 21 in the semi-finals.

In the final game Athens got the jump on Clarkston in the first half and pulled out to lead 19 to 12. In the second half, sparked by the long distance shooting of Johnson, Clarkston pulled up on Athens and made a battle of it to the finish. Erwin, elongated center for Athens, paced his team with 12 points while Johnson, of Clarkston, dropped in 14 points.

The Summary:

Athens (30) Clarkston (28)
Griffith (8)f..... Rainey (7)
Chastain (6)f..... Hendrix
Erwin (12)c..... Rawlins (2)
Cobb (1)g..... Spivey (5)
Hickman (3)g..... Johnson (14)
Substitutions: Athens, Bradberry, Gentry.

The officiating in the tournament was excellent. In spite of the number of hard fought games the officials did an excellent job and kept the game well in hand. Hats off to the referees—Hoke Smith, of Crawford; Carlos Lester, of Quitman, and Crook Smith, of Statesboro.

Tournament officials announced all-star teams for both B and C divisions after the final games as follows:

CLASS B

Forwards—Chastain, Athens; Bowersville, Albany.
Center Edwin, Athens.
Guards—Roebuck, Canton; Johnson, Clarkston.

CLASS C

Forwards—Cain, Dacula; Elliott, Mansfield.
Center—Knight, Stilson.
Guards—Perdue, Bonaire; Stafford, Bonaire.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—An article by Coach Harrell will appear in next month's issue.)

Florida Class A and B Tournaments

By ARNOLD FINNEFROCK



PLANT HIGH—FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONS, 1941

Front row, left to right—Gillett, Martin, Slover, Mick, McCormick and Millsap.
Back row, left to right—Poage, Pemberton, Williams, Wynne, and Coach Hughes.

PLANT HIGH'S PANTHERS, of Tampa, and the cagers from the small country town of Chumuckla, located in northwest Florida, carried off top honors in Florida basketball circles this season.

Coach Jimmy Hughes' second seeded Panthers defeated Hillsborough, 39-26, in the all-Tampa finals of the State Class A tournament in the Plant gym and unseeded Chumuckla trounced Bolles of Jacksonville, 24-15, in the final round of the State Class B tourney on the University of Florida court.

The Panthers, unextended in their first two games, nosed out the speedy Miami Senior High five, 40-39, in the semi-finals and then spurted in the last period to down Hillsborough, which had upset the defending champions and top seeded Robert E. Lee Generals of Jacksonville, 29-25, in the second round. Coach Spurgeon Cherry's Hillsborough Terriers took Miami Edison into camp, 27-23, to gain the title bracket.

Plant finished second to Lee in the Big Ten Conference and was beaten only three times by Florida rivals this winter.

Coach Hughes' Panthers used a deliberate set offense with screens, although at times they employed a fast break. As a whole they depended on their screens for set-ups.

Plant used the man-for-man defense, with variations depending on the team it was playing.

The Panthers scored 1,026 points this season against their opponents'

618 in 28 games. Since Hughes has been coaching at Plant, the Panthers have lost but 21 games of 109 played in four years. They have won the regional championship four straight years.

A new record for attendance and gate receipts was set at this year's State Class A tournament in the Plant gym.

Coach Hughes, who has served at Daytona Beach and Plant City, is a University of Florida graduate. He starred in football and basketball for the 'Gators.

The All-State Class A squad, picked by sports writers, follows:

Billy Martin, Billy Pemberton, and Bunny Mick, Plant; Lawrence Robles, Red Moore, and Luis Fueyo, Hillsborough; Wesley Paxson, Lee; Tom Wood, Leon (Tallahassee); Joe Downs, Miami Edison, and Arnold Tucker, Miami High.

Plant, a finalist twice before, had never won the state tournament until it triumphed this year.

Chumuckla's victory in the Class B test was nothing short of miraculous. Coach Glenn Bates brought only seven boys to the tournament and the two subs saw scarcely any action.

In the second round Chumuckla, a rangy, ball-hawking, accurate passing bunch of cagers, eliminated the top seeded Cross City outfit, 26-22, and then downed fourth seeded Homestead, 32-21, in the semi-finals.

District Tournaments

LEADING up to the district and regional elimination tournaments to determine the fields for the Florida State Class A and Class B basketball tournaments, cage championships of the various conferences were determined early in March.

Robert E. Lee, of Jacksonville, won the Big Ten Conference title with a Dickinson System rating of 26.5 points. Coach Warren Kirkham's Generals won 17 games and lost one, being defeated in their final regular season tilt by Plant, of Tampa, which finished second in the loop.

The other conferences decided their championship by the tournament method.

Results of the final games follow:

Northeast Conference—Eustis, 30; Leon (Tallahassee), 26.

St. Johns Conference—Crescent City, 9; Fernandina, 8.

Suwannee Conference—Cross City, 39; Bradford, 11.

South Florida Conference—Winter Haven, 25; Bradenton, 13.

Ridge Conference—Mulberry, 16; Haines City, 15.

Central Florida Conference—Mount Dora, 27; Groveland, 23.

This is the first year Chumuckla High has been in existence and few indeed were the folks who even knew such a town was on the map.

The All-State Class B squad follows:

First Team: Red McBride, captain, Chumuckla; Ernest Al Chediak, Jesuit; Red Craig, Bolles; Ralph Delinger, Homestead; Ralph Begue, Cross City.

Second Team: Kent Hudson, Jesuit; Wesley Coleman, Bolles; James Sullivan, Homestead; Warren Drogen, Perry; Cecil Boles, Chipley.

Honorable Mention: Lentz, Jesuit; H. Nuckols, Boles; Harris, Chumuckla; Renfro, Chumuckla; Land, Eustis; Salter, Eustis; Fabian, Jesuit; Callahan, Cross City.

SOUTH CAROLINA TOURNAMENT

By A. B. FENNELL

THE South Carolina High School league boys' basketball tournament, held at the University of South Carolina, was the most successful this year in the history of the event from every standpoint.

More teams than ever before, 33, were entered in the three divisions. Attendance at all games was better. Competition was keener all the way than ever before with the inevitable upset taking place this year in the Class A division.

Coach H. B. Rhame's Columbia High Capitals, given little chance in pre-tournament ratings, swept aside the favored Sumter High Gamecocks in the semi-finals, 29-20, and kept up their inspired play to defeat Charleston in the finals, 27 to 24. Charleston eliminated Spartanburg, 43-36, in the semi-finals.

In Class B, the Pelzer High team defeated University High of Columbia to retain the championship won last year, 28-24. Pelzer advanced to the finals by defeating Mullins, 41-28, and University High reached the final round with a 35-27 victory over West Gantt.

In Class C, the towering Westville High team from Greenville county defeated Centenary, 32-16, with a strong last half rally. Centenary, given little chance at the start of the tournament, upset Townville, 34-33,

with a last second foul toss to reach the finals while Westville had an easy time defeating Pelion, 52-17.

In South Carolina, the state is divided into 13 districts, each district sending a Class B and Class C representative to the state tournament. Class A teams enter as they desire, there being no district tournaments for the larger schools. "A" rating is given schools having enrollment of 401 or more pupils. "B" rating goes to schools from 126 to 400 pupils and Class "C" schools are those with 125 or less students.

Seven teams entered in Class A. They were Darlington, Dreher of Columbia, Charleston, Spartanburg, Columbia, Sumter and Greer.

The Class B entries included Pelzer, Winnsboro, Welford-Lyman-Tucapau, Mullins, Whitmire, Timmons-ville, West Gantt, Elloree, Ashwood, Aiken, St. Paul's, Dillon and University High.

Class C entries included Townville, Ridgeway, Holly Springs, Centenary, Kelly-Pinckney, Hanna, Westville, Providence, Central, Hollywood, Lodge, Macedonia-Angelus and Pelion.

Following the tournament an All-Tournament team and division teams were selected by vote of officials, scorer and sportswriters.

The All-Tournament team:

Forwards—Martin, Columbia; Gil-lam, Columbia.

Center—Trembley, Sumter.

Guards—*Havird, University High; *Limbaugh, Westville; *Halsall, Charleston.

*(Last three tied for fifth place on team).

Honorable Mention—Walker, Spartanburg, and Wooten, Pelzer.

CLASS A

Forwards—Martin, Columbia; Gil-lam, Columbia.

Center—Trembley, Sumter.

Guards—Halsall, Charleston; *Wal-ker, Spartanburg; *Balamoutis, Spartanburg.

*(Last two tied for fifth position).

Honorable Mention—Pike, Colum-bia; Deas, Charleston.

CLASS B

Forwards—Wooten, Pelzer; Smith, Pelzer.

Center—Havird, University High;

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Guards—Holbrook, West Gantt; *Suddeth, Pelzer; *Wallace, Univer-sity High; *Hughes, University High.

*(Last three tied for fifth position).

Honorable Mention—Swintz, Mul-lins.

CLASS C

Forwards—Wingard, Westville; Bryant, Holly Springs.

Center—Chewning, Central.

Guards—Limbaugh, Westville; Godbold, Centenary.

Honorable Mention—Shifflet, Townville; Foster, Westville; Clark, Pelion; Dozier, Centenary.

ALA. STATE TOURNEY

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There was never room to doubt Clanton's ability to dispose of Millerville in the deciding game. Wellington Collins, selected by coaches on the All-State team, paced the third district powerhouse to a 30-19 victory over Millerville for the Alabama crown.

In the consolation finals, McGill came through with machine-like precision and edged Sidney Lanier into fourth place by a 41-39 victory. McGill was one of the best teams in the tournament, even better than its finishing position indicates.

Casimire Weinacker, 19-year-old McGill center, is the object of pursuit for several college talent scouts. Named on the All-State team, Wein-

acker has scored a total of 1,097 points in three seasons.

The Alabama All-State high school basketball team, as selected by coaches with teams participating in the state tournament:

Forwards—Fred Browning, Miller-ville; Wellington Collins, Clanton.

Center—Casimire Weinacker, Mc-Gill.

Guards—George Gilbert, Hackney-ville; Bert Lammon, Sidney Lanier.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—An article by Coach Cox will appear in the May issue of SOUTHERN COACH AND ATH-LETE.)

SOUTHERN CONFER-ENCE

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hottest show of the tournament—they could do no wrong—and ran away at 53-30.

On the all-tournament team picked by the eight coaches and the officials were placed Bob Rose and Preston Westmoreland of South Carolina at the forwards; Chuck Holley of Duke at center; Cy Valasek of Duke and Emil Sotnyk of V. M. I. at the guards. The second team had Ed Stumpf of V. M. I. and Ray Spuhler of Duke at the forwards, George Glamack of North Carolina at center, Lanny Lof-dahl of South Carolina and Bob Foster of V. M. I. at the guards.

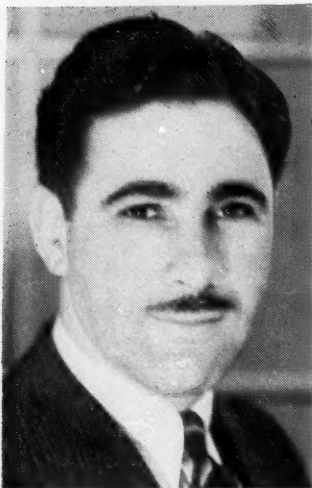
The tournament which annually turns in something like \$4,000 to the conference was a great financial success again this year. Every pro-gram drew a packed house.

Atlanta Basketball Federation

By SOL MARSHALL

Secretary, Atlanta Basketball Federation

To Provide a Clearing House for Basketball Activities in Greater Atlanta; To Promote Higher Standards of Playing, Management and Officiating; To Encourage Good Fellowship and Sportsmanship; To Develop Better Citizenship.



SOL MARSHALL

THE Atlanta Basketball Federation has completed its second season of activity with many advances recorded since its inception in 1939. More leagues, teams and players took part in the 1940-1941 program than did in the previous season; and a better-organized program was offered this ever-increasing membership.

The Federation protected its teams and players by upholding standards of competition and by clarifying the responsibilities of teams and players to each other. Good fellowship and Sportsmanship were stressed in the Federation at all times. Evidenced by member teams and players throughout the season, they were never more exemplified than at the Federation's annual dinner-dance on Wednesday, March 19, when the entire basketball fraternity of Atlanta gathered to honor the participants and champions of the season.

More than a dozen leagues and two institutions sponsoring intra-mural basketball were members of the Federation during the current season. The Federation itself directly motivated the organization of three of these leagues which were new in 1940-1941.

The Federation is a service organization. It dominates no league, team or individual, but attempts to aid them all. It provides the stimulus necessary to keep basketball, America's major winter sport, on a high plane in the Greater Atlanta area. An immediate objective of the Federation is to present—before the start of the 1941-1942 season—in simple printed form, its constitution and by-laws, and rules and regulations of competition for leagues and tournaments. In 1941-1942 the Fed-

eration will work harder than ever to improve officiating—score-keeping as well as refereeing—will attempt to eliminate the tramp athlete, will extend its services to the many independent teams of Greater Atlanta, and will do its part in promoting increased participation of girls and juniors.

Championship and runner-up teams in the fifth annual Gold Medal tournament, sponsored by the Atlanta Basketball Federation, and in member leagues of the Federation follow:

Fifth Annual Gold Medal Tournament

	<i>Champion</i>	<i>Runner-Up</i>
Class A Men	Dental College "A"	Mozley Park
Class B Men	Dental College "B"	Four Square Class
Class C Men	Grant Park Methodist	East Lake Tabernacle
Class A Girls	Sears-Roebuck	Ike Sewell Service
Junior Boys	ABC Pilots	West End Pirates
Intermediate Boys	Maddox	JEA Bears
	Citywide Junior Leagues	
Junior Boys "A"	West End Pirates	ABC Pilots
Junior Boys "B"	ABC Barons	Bass Bears
Intermediate Boys "A"	Maddox	JEA Bears
Intermediate Boys "B"	ABC Eagles	Techwood Blue Devils
Midget Boys	JEA Braves	"Y" Cubs
	Jewish Educational Alliance	
Senior Boys	AZA 134	SOZ
Intermediate Boys	JTC	DSI
Independent League	JTC "Bees"	SOJ
Intermediate Girls	TEL	Waldeans
	Parks-WPA Leagues	
Independent	Mozley Park	National Battery
Church	Capitol View Presbyterian	JOY Class
Girls	Trojans	Brookhaven
	Walthour Association	
City League	Dixisteel	General Shoe
Walco League	Gasco	Techwood
Girls	Sears-Roebuck	Ike Sewell Service
	Y M C A Leagues	
City League	Dental College "A"	Columbia Seminary
Civic League	Calvary Methodist	Four Square Class
Atlanta League	Mozley Park	Atlanta Constitution
Journal Carriers League	Station "J"	Station "D"

The Officers, Board and Committees of the Federation during the season just completed include:

Officers—Rache Bell, President; Lewis Baker, Vice President; Miss Amelia Morris, Vice President;

George C. Najour, Treasurer; Sol H. Marshall, Secretary.

Board of Governors—Parks-WPA Church League, Archie Lindsay; Parks-WPA Girls' League, Mrs. H. (Continued on Page 26)

ATLANTA BASKETBALL FEDERATION

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L. Edmondson; Parks-WPA Independent League, James F. Stone; Walco League, Wingfield Short; Walthour Girls' League, Lewis Baker; Walthour City League, Dusty Speer; YMCA Atlanta League, George Cotakis; YMCA City League, Dr. R. E. Sturdevant; YMCA Civic League, Sol H. Marshall.

Members Ex-Officio—Oscar W. Brock, Miss Virginia Carmichael, J. Lee Harne, Jr., Harry Koval, Millard Posey, W. W. Woolfolk.

Tournament Committee—Sol H. Marshall, Chairman; Mrs. H. L. Edmondson, Gene Mitchell, George C. Najour, Dr. R. E. Sturdevant.

Banquet Committee—George C. Najour, Chairman; Rache Bell, Mrs. H. L. Edmondson, Sol H. Marshall, Miss Amelia Morris.

Junior Committee—William W. Woolfolk, Chairman; J. Lee Harne, Jr., Harry Koval.

The Atlanta Basketball Federation will face its third year with prospects of a larger and better-organized program, following the successes of the season just completed.

More leagues, teams and players took part in the 1940-1941 activities of the Federation than did in the previous season. This was not merely a matter of chance, for the Federation directly motivated the organization of three new leagues.

The Federation protected its teams and players by upholding standards of competition and by clarifying the responsibilities of teams and players to each other. Thus it provided a better program of basketball for participants in the Greater Atlanta area.

Good fellowship and Sportsmanship were stressed in the Federation at all times. Evidenced by member teams and players throughout the season, they were never more stressed and exemplified than at the Federation's annual dinner-dance, when the entire basketball fraternity of Atlanta gathered to honor the participants and champions of the season.

More than a dozen leagues and two institutions sponsoring intra-mural basketball were members of the Federation during the current season. Representatives of all were active in formulating the policies of the Fed-

eration and in carrying through the program set out for the year.

There are still many improvements to be made, but the leaders of the Federation are not waiting for perfection to be achieved in one field before attempting to benefit basketball in other fields. In 1941-1942 the Federation will work harder than ever to improve officiating—score-keeping as well as refereeing—will attempt to eliminate the tramp athlete, will extend its services to the many independent teams of Greater Atlanta, and will do its part in promoting increased participation of girls and juniors.

An immediate objective of the Federation is to present—before the beginning of the 1941-1942 season—in simple printed form, its constitution and by-laws and rules and regulations of competition for leagues and tournaments.

The Federation is a service organization. It dominates no league, team or individual, but attempts to aid them all. It provides the stimulus often necessary to keep basketball, America's major sport, on a high plane. The policies of the Federation are the policies of its member leagues and institutions, for the Federation is made up of autonomous organizations which have equal votes in all matters.

THE KEYSTONE COMBINATION

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To Break Up Double Steal

The second baseman and shortstop have an important part in breaking up a double steal. With runners on first and third and one run needed to tie the score, the opposing team may try the double steal, especially with two men out. If the catcher has anticipated the attempt and calls for a pitch out, then the shortstop and second baseman both may move out of their positions, the second baseman running to a spot about ten feet in front of the bag and the shortstop covering the bag. If the runner on third starts for the plate, the second baseman should handle the throw from the catcher and throw back to the plate. However, if the runner on third remains on the bag, then the shortstop should take the throw to make the play on the runner coming from first base.

When the double steal is attempted and there is no pitch out, this second base is covered according to the pitch. Suppose, for instance, a right handed hitter is up (one who hits to all fields) and a fast ball has been pitched just as the runners start the double steal, then the shortstop takes the play alone. If, as he breaks for the bag he sees the runner on third starting for home, he cuts in front of the bag, takes the throw and makes the play on the runner going into second base. If the condition exists and the pitch is a slow ball, change of pace or curve ball, then the second baseman breaks for the bag and makes the play either to the plate or second base. This same method should be used in determining which infielder shall cover second base on all other attempted steals, that is, second base is covered according to the pitch except in a case where a hitter is a dead left field hitter then the second baseman is the one to cover, and with a dead right field hitter the shortstop should always cover.

Relay Throws

When a ball is hit to right field or right center for an extra base hit, the second baseman should run out far enough to receive the ball from the outfielder. If he feels the drive is good for no more than a double, then he should break for second base and be in position to handle the throw backed up by the shortstop. The shortstop handles balls hit to left field and left center in the same manner as the second baseman and if he feels the drive is good for no more than a double he should take the play at second with the second baseman backing up in case of a bad hop or wild throw from the outfield. Relay throws should be made on a line throw or first hop to the base where the play is being made.

Whenever it is possible, one should get in front of ground balls so that if he stumbles or there is a bad hop he still may be able to block the ball with his body, recover and get the man at first base. One should not play a ball at his side if it is possible to get in front of it.

Errors are excusable, but mental mistakes are inexcusable; keep your mind on the game and you'll avoid mental blunders. Know the situation of the game at every pitch, how many are out, the inning, the score—solve every play in advance and you'll avoid mental blunders. Remember, practice makes perfect, even in baseball.

**SOME OF THE FEATURES TO APPEAR IN THE NEXT
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Southern Schools—Clemson College.

"The Basketball Program", by Eddie Harrell, Coach of Georgia "B" Champions.

"Coaching the Pitchers in High School", by Tilden Campbell, Baseball Coach, University of Alabama.

"Physical Education for Girls," by Eleanor Peebles, Jordan High School, Columbus, Georgia.

"Basketball Methods," by Dewey Cox, Coach of Alabama State Champions.

"Developing Weight Men in High School," by M. C. Paget, Track Coach, Georgia Military Academy.

"Basketball Methods," by Herman Littman, Coach of Roosevelt High, Southern High School Champions, 1941.

AND OTHERS - - -

CENTER PLAY

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Reminders in General

1. Get a ball as soon as you reach the playing field.
2. Be the first man out of the huddle.
3. Be careful not to tip off defense by turning head to look at the backs, pointing ball to receiving back, or gripping ball a count or two before snap.
4. Take advantage of knowing the snap signal.
5. Study the personnel of your back-field.
6. MAKE ALL PASSES GOOD!

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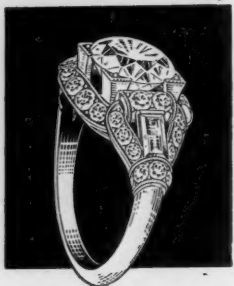
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